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UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY LIFELONG LEARNING EVENTS SPRING 2019

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MARCH
11-14
Preaching With Power
Multi-day preaching events

27 or 28
Opioid Crisis and Pastoral
Care

MAY
1 or 7
Spring Convocation
Lecture/Workshop Day

2 or 8
Preaching Perspectives
Preaching helps for the
coming season

July
8-11
Summer Institute for Ministry
13-20
Theological Education with
Youth
14-20
Theological Education with
Adults

CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS

An Ecumenical Equipping Event sponsored by the
Brave New Church initiative of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (ELCA),
the Ministry and Leadership Incubator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia,
and Lifelong Learning at United Lutheran Seminary.

[#CanoeingMountainsPHL](https://twitter.com/CanoeingMountainsPHL)

FEBRUARY 28, 2019 SCHEDULE

United Lutheran Seminary – Philadelphia Campus

8:30	Registration
9:15	Welcome
9:30	Keynote 1
10:45	Break
11:00	Keynote 2
12:15	Lunch
12:45	Keynote 3
2:00	Break
2:15	Keynote 4
3:15	Safe travels everyone!



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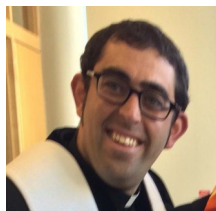
Rev. Patricia Davenport
Bishop
SEPA, ELCA



Rev. Brad Burke,
Assistant to the Bishop
SEPA, ELCA



Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace
Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Philadelphia



Rev. Greg Klimovitz,
Associate Presbyter
Presbytery of Philadelphia



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BRAVE NEW CHURCH is Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's spiritual formation and church leadership ministry – ready to equip you and congregations across the region to be pioneers and leaders of a bold, new kind of church for a rapidly changing world. At bravenewchurch.org you will find a hub of resources and conversation partners for you and your church to navigate the new and unexpected challenges of ministry in today's world. Through a podcast on iTunes, blog posts by a variety of lay and clergy voices, a library of forward-thinking resources and so much more, you won't be on this journey alone. Here in SEPA – we go on this journey together.

Brave New Church: A New Kind of Church, for a New Kind of World.

More information: <https://www.bravenewchurch.org>



THE MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

is an evolving paradigm of leadership development. As we embody the Good News of Jesus Christ in our varied contexts and communities, the Presbytery is committed to birth new leaders critical to ministry in the twenty-first century; to nurture existing pastoral and lay leadership as they live into God's call; to leverage all of our church leaders as we proclaim the Gospel through new and creative possibilities in our congregations and neighborhoods.

More information: <https://presbyphl.org/ministry-incubator/>

LIFELONG LEARNING. The life of faith includes a lifetime of learning about various theological disciplines, the issues in the world, and the interaction among them. United Lutheran Seminary offers a robust environment of lifelong learning for rostered leaders, all members of the Christian tradition, and the wider public. The Seminary offers opportunities to gather for lifelong learning through occasional lectures, single and multiple day events on the campuses, partnership offerings with Synods, and sustained engagement in study and discussion.

More information:

<https://unitedlutheranseminary.edu/academics/lifelong-learning/>

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A LITANY OF SENDING

Voice 1: Creator and Sustainer of us all, you made goodness out of nothingness, breathed life into what was once dust, and invited us into your creative work of caring for and nurturing all creation.

Voice 2: This story of collaborative care, creativity, and holy possibility binds us one to another and bids us to proclaim it with our lives and our lips, in word and in image, in action and in places uncharted.

All: May we respond to your invitation with courage and imagination, to your generosity with generosity. May we give of our resources and ourselves faithfully and not wavered by the fear of failure.

Voice 3: God who provides, in the midst of frequent narratives of scarcity and perceived limitations, remind us of your call to abundant life.

Voice 4: When our imaginations fail us and the mountains in front of us loom large, open our eyes and ears to fresh ideas and innovative tools able to move us beyond the improbable and risk the unconventional.

All: May we be faithful stewards within congregational systems, contextual leaders as we encourage others to contribute, and creative collaborators with new and existing partners for ministry off the map.

Voice 5: Inclusive and loving Christ, you broke established understandings of who is in and who is out. You viewed every place and each person as a channel of God's grace and redemption. Help us to do the same.

Voice 6: In our own time and place, enable us to see local businesses, digital platforms, community parks, and various places beyond the walls of our church buildings as cathedrals in the fullest definition: sacred spaces to host conversations, build community, and nurture a web of relationships.

All: May we be faithful servants to our neighbors outside church structures: those in our neighborhoods, main streets, elected offices, work places, community organizations, schools, and other public places.

Voice 7: Holy Spirit, you dwell within and send us to be a gathered and scattered people. When we separate your mission from our worship, reduce the gospel to theological statements, and become comfortable with power and privilege, confront our conscience and restore us to the vision you have for the church and world.

Voice 8: Make us cultivators of community and gardeners of justice. Unify us amidst divisiveness in church and society, and guard us against confusing sameness with oneness.

All: May we uplift voices long silenced and those marginalized for too long. Open our eyes and ears to ideas of those in the balcony and others on the ground, those at the front and of the room and others in the back.

Voice 9: In the midst of a rapidly changing world, make us curators of possibilities and harvesters of hope. Give us courage to unclench our fists from the way things have been so we can receive new life emerging before us.

Voice 10: Make us adaptive in our leadership and gracious whenever we face resistance. Remind us over and again that in the adventures ahead of us, you go with us, even before us.

All: May we be faithful stewards of your dreams in and for the world you so love. May we encourage one another to live into a collective discipleship as we dare to discover the gospel story that continues to unfold before us and even through us, in this age and every age. Amen.

Adapted from a litany developed by Rev. Greg Klimovitz and Rev. Rebecca Blake for "Money, Media, and Mission," September, 2016.